requested to send the ethnographic material on Labana community about the fulfillment of the ST criteria for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

Illegal construction in Sainik Farms

123. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has recently pulled Government to prevent the illegal construction in the Sainik Farms area despite an earlier ban imposed by the Court in 1997 against such constructions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps since taken to give effect to the Court's directive in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Regularisation of unauthorised constructions

†124. SHRI RAJIV RAN JAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people are still living in unauthorised constructions in Delhi;

(b) if so, the percentage of such people;

(c) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for regularization of these unauthorized constructions;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) since when this proposal is under consideration; and

(f)'by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) DDA has reported that a large number of people live in unauthorized constructions/colonies in Delhi. However, no specific survey has been carried out so far in this regard.

(c) to (f) A proposal for reguiarization of unauthorised colonies as in existence on 31.3.1993 was received from the Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) in May/June, 1993. While it was being examined, the Delhi High Court in CWP No.4771/1993-Common Cause (Regd) Society *Vs.* UOI & Ors.- restrained the Government from reguiarization of any unauthorised colony in Delhi till further orders.

The Government on 18.7.2000 approved the terms and conditions for reguiarization of unauthorised colonies. Accordingly, guidelines were prepared and filed in the Delhi High Court on 20.2.2001.

Hon'ble Court *vide* order dated 27.2.2001 directed the Government *inter-alia* to notify colonies which could be regularized in terms of the guidelines. GNCTD has been requested to furnish the list of such colonies.

Functioning of Municipalities of small and medium towns

. 125. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Municipalities in the small and medium towns are facing fiscal stress because of their inability of increase upon their principal sources of revenue; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government to improve the functioning of the municipalities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Municipalities, particularly in small and medium towns were facing fiscal difficulties due to their limited financial